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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject:

LANDS - Grow More Food (South Kanara) District Food Production Committee - Resolutions of the Sub-Committee of the District Production Committee - suggestions - remarks.

Ref.B.1532/51-2 Location: M a d r a s, Dated 22nd May 1951.

From

Sri A.F. Mascarenhas, I.A.S., Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Sri V.N. Kudva, I.C.S., Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

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Read: From the Collector of S.Kanara Ref.C.F P.I.18390/50 dt.2-12-50 and enclosures.

Board's L.Dis.F.P.No.39002/50 dt.3-2-51.

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REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Board submits the following remarks on the suggestions of the Sub Committee of the South Kanara District Food Production Committee. In its first resolution the Committee has suggested that the existing policy of the Government relating to assignment of land as contained in G.O.Ms.No. 1523 Revenue dated 11-6-49 should be revised in order to augment food production. This suggestion involves a sweeping change of the existing policy of the Government. The suggestion amounts to circumventing the Government orders. The Board is of the view that this suggestion requires no consideration and may be dropped. However, these appears to be no objection to grant the lands in question on temporary Grow More Food leases for short periods to deserving and competent applicants in the interest of food production and even this can be done only if the lands are not required by the category of persons mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.1523 Revenue dated 11-4-49.

3. In respect of resolutions Nos.2,5,6 and 8 action is being taken separately The Government will be addressed and their orders obtained wherever necessary. In regard to resolution No. 7 a detailed report has been called for from the Collector and a further report will be submitted to the Government in due course.

-Copy of the letter Ref G.No. F. PI-18330/50 dated 2-12-1950 from the Collector of South Kanara, Mangalore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Food Production, Board of Revenue, Chepauk, Madras-5.

Sir,

FOOD PRODUCTION-South Kanara District-Makinggood the food deficit -Ways and means-Proposals of the Sub Committee- Resolution Nos.1.2.5,.6, and 8 and 14-Implements.

I enclose a copy of Resolution Nos. 1,2,5,6,8 and 14 of the meeting of the Sub Committee constituted by the South Kanara District Food Production Committee at its meeting held on 30-3-50. I request that the Board may be pleased to approve the proposals made therein as follows:--

RESOLUTION No.1 In this resolution certain suggestions have been made to revise the policy of the Government relating to assignment of lands in order to augment food production on an extensive scale. I recommend this proposal.

RESOLUTION NO.2. This relates to the grant of Takkavi Loans to agriculturists to enable them to construct wells or tanks for the purpose of irrigation, to reclaim waste lands, for the purchase and installation of oil engines andpumsets etc. for augmenting the food resources of the District. The Committee has observed that the ryots could not avail themselves of the full benefit of these loans due to the elaborate procedure that has to be followed at the time of enquiry according to the existing rules. The elaborate procedure no doubt causes some delay in granting theloan applied for with the result that the agriculturists are slow to avail themselves of this concession. In order to obviate this delay, the Committee suggests the adoption of all certain simple procedure in granting loans similar to that adopted in granting subsidy loans under the N.W. Subsidy schemes, under these schemes, the elaborate enquiry prescribed in forms 1,2,and 3 of the loans (General) Rules has been dispensed with, as laid down in para II of G.O. No. 1069 Reven dated 10-4-50 The Board may be pleased to move the Government to consider this aspect of the question.

RESOLUTION No. 5 In their order No. Ms. 1922 Revenue dated 24.6.50 the Government were pleased to sanction the appointment an Assitant Engineer for a period of one year from the date of appointment for the investigation of all water sources pending enquiry and to attend to the execution of repairs to such sources in sanctioned cases. But no Assistant Engineer has yet been posted to this district. I therefore request that immediate arrangements may be made for the appointment of the Assistant Engineer to this District.

RESOLUTION NO 6 With reference to Board's Ref F.P.III 19771 2 dated 31-7-1950 a scheme for the installation of pump-sets for irrigating food crops from river waters with details as to the nature and extent of financial assistance that is expected of the Government for executing such a scheme was submitted to the Board in this office Ref C.No.F.P.III 20133-50 dated 24.8. As there are several other schmes of this type to be taken up, I request that speedy orders may be passed on the question of grant of subsidy in such cases.

RESOLUTION NO.8 This relates to the supply of electric power to this District from the Jog Falls. I request that the resolution of theSub-Committee to move the Government to give priority to this district for the supply of electric power from the jog Falls may be recommended.

Resolution No. 14 This resolution deals with the proposals of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur. His proposals are (1) throwing open suitable lands in R.F. for purposes of raising food-crops. (11) throwing open all Government vacant landsunder the control of the Revenue Department for raising foo crops and (111) simplificationof procedural rules regarding the grant of permission to enter upon the land for the purpose. A copy of the report R.O.C. 5164-50 C dated 27.5.50 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur, is enclosed for reference. The sub-Committee has carefully gone through the above proposals before passing the resolution. I support the recommendation of the Committee.

Copy of letter ef.C.No.9343/50-F.P.I. dated.

RESOLUTION. 1) ssignment of Lands The ommittee considers that t present policy of a signment of land as communicated in G.O. No.1523 Revenue Department dated 11.6.1949 is not conducive to food production on a large scale as assignment is confined to only the following cls e of persons:-

(i) Political sufferers (2) Ex-servicemen of the II orld ar (3) Landless poor persons including Harijans and Backward classes. ur ther assignment of lands included in the compact blocks of 100 acres or more is not permissible

The Sub Committee considers that if the assignment is confined to only 3 categories of persons mentioned above and that if small bits of lands are made available for assignment much headway can not be made in bringing waste lands under food crop cultivation. It therefore recommends that the assignment policy of the Government so far as it relates to the cases under Grow More ood should be liberalised on the lines mentioned below:-

The assignments in connection with G.M.F. may be thrown ope to all persons irrespective of their status but subject to the following priorities.

(i) Co-operative societies including village cooperatives referred to in G.O. Ms.No.803 dated 27.4.1950 (2) Landless poor person (3) others.

NOTE: The above priority will be without any prejudice to lease or assignment of lands to the village coperatives, contemplated in G.O. 803 dated 8.4.1950.

All assignments made should however be made subject to the conditions that entire cultivable extent included in the land assigned is brought under food crops within a period of 3 years at the rate of 1/3 the extent, every year, commencing from the date of assignment, failing which the assignment is liable to be cancelled and the land resumed by the Government. This condition is consistent with present policy of the Government as laid down in para 9(iii) of the G.O. No. 1523 Rev. Department dated 11.6.1950 and is intended to prevent land grabbing by persons other than bona fide cultivators.

In the case of assignment to the landless the assigning officer should satisfy himself that the applicant has got sufficient means, to bring the land proposed to be assigned under food crops within the stipulated period. Inthe case the applicant has not got sufficient means, the deserving person under the third category. Under the existing orders no land forming part of a hundred acre block can be assigned to anybody ever for agricultural purposes. This has prevented portions of lands which are fit for cultivation from being utilised for growing food crops. In view of the impeative need to tap all sources to increase food production in the district this committee recommends that Government may be moved to relax this ban so far as they relate to cases of assignments under G.M.F.

NOTE. The above recommendations will not apply to Kumaki Kane and Banelands. The sub committee is of opinion that Kumaki, Bane and Kaneprivileges should not be interfered with.

2. THAKKAVI LOANS: Thakkavi loans are intended to help the agriculturists in the reclamation of waste lands,

purchase and installation of oil engines and pump sets, for the purchase of seed grain; cattle; stallions, required for breeding or other agricultural purposes, etc., But the snag is the elaborate enquiry that should precede the grant of the loan. The sub committee proposes that the procedural rules relating to the enquiry preceding the grant of loan may be recommended to be simplified as in the case of subsidy loans sanctioned under the N.W. Subsidy scheme (vide para 11 of the G.O. Ms.No.1069 Revenue Department dated 10.4.1950 in respect of applicatons for loans for the following purposes only:-

5/- IRRIGATION - Minor: This committee considers that minor Irrigation can play a very important part, in the food economy of this district. There are hundreds of tanks in this district, which have been neglected for as very long time. No amount was spent for the maintenance of these sources by the Government till the last year in this district. The committee considers tht in view of the limited facilities available in the district for increasing food production through large scale irrigation projects, it is of primary importance that the investigation of all the sources pending enquiry and the execution of repairs in sanctioned cases should be attended to with utmost expedition. As the present Minor Irrigation staff of 2 Minor Irrigation overseers and one Minor Irrigation Supervisor working in this district, is quite insufficient to cope with the increasing work, this sub committee recommends that the Government may be moved to expeditet e sanction of the Collector's proposal for the appointment of a T.R.S. party consisting of one Assistant Engineer and 6 Overseers.

6. <u>INSTALLATION OF PUMP SETS A D THE HARNESSING OF RIVER WATER</u>: This committee considers that installations of pumpsets and irriation of second and third crops through them is the quickest and most feasible way of bringing more areas under cultivation ~~xxx~~ in this district, in view of the undulating nature of the lead in this district. In consideration of the fact that the Gover ment have not spent much amount on big irrigation schemes in this district as they have done in other districts, the committee recommends that the Government should undertake the responsibility of fitting up pump sets at suitable places and supply water to the ryots for purposes of irrigation, charging water rate therefor. Or in the alternative, this committee proposes that the Government should at least arrange to make available to the public of this district, suitable pumpsets with engines, at reasonable prices through Governmet or private agency in preference to other ~~xx~~ district.

8. ELECTRICITY: This committee recommends that the Government may be moved to give priority with the supply of electric power to this district from the Jog falls in view of the nearness of the district to the place and in view of the fact that portions of Bannarmane till recently forming part and parcel of this disctrict were made available for the fruition of the Hydro Electric project.

(True Copy)

24/5/57

For Secretary

Copy of letter no.R.O.C. 5164.50 .C d/27-5-50 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur to the Collector of South Kanara Mangalore.

Food production . cultivation of forest and waste lands. malnad area in puttur taluk - suggestions

I toured round a large tract of malnad area of puttur taluk between 19-5-50 and 22-5-50 and as I went from village to village , it became evident to me that there is vast scope to bring large extents of land under food crop cultivation in this area where there are natural resources for raising food crops with certain disadvantages also. Various suggestions such as deforestation of land kumari cultivation in reserve forests use of pumpsets for irrigation etc have been made at the food production committee meetings and proposals for cooperative farming are also underaway in a few places .But it is doubtful , whether appreciable results can be achieved by these methods within the time limit fixed for attaining self sufficiency. On a casual inspection of the malnad area. one will observe that in many places , there are long and narrow stripes of fertile paddy fields in valleys immediately surrounded on all sides by reserve forests . It will be noticed that the valley continues on 2 opposite side of the fields while hills arise , on the remaining 2 sides . While it is impossible to extend cultivation on the hills, there is every facility to extend it in the valley portions on either side . If the ryots are allowed to extend such cultivation , they will readily do so and it appears to me that this will not result in the denundation of the forests to such an extent as to affect the rainfall or reduce the forest wealth in the district

2. Again there are certain patches of plain lands without any tree growth, included with in the reserve forests. These are very well suited to paddy cultivation without involving much expenses for reclamation . There can be no objection from the forest department to allow cultivation on these lands ..

3. On the road sides also we find low lying land, now full of wild forest growth . Clearance of such , growth to a limited extent for purpose of cultivation of food crop will not adversely affect the forest policy from any point of view Another notable feature is that between 2 stretches of paddy fields of areca, areca gardens a narrow forest belt intervenes. This forest belt can be cleared and cultivation extended

4. It may be pointed out that since food crops can be grown only on low lying lands commanding other necessary convenience such as easy accessibility, water, facility absence of ravage by wild animals etc , there is no fear of large scale denundation of the forests, if a general permission is given to the villagers to raise food crops on any government land . reserved or unreserved subject to certain restrictions .Besides reserved forests, there are also vast extents of unreserved government land, kana and bane lands, in the malnad villages, with appreciable areas excellently situated for raising food crops. It will not be possible for the government to have a general survey of the area and to mark out the portions fit for cultivation in these villages of dense forest growth . It may well be left to the people themselves to select such lands , and I am sure they will be able to pitch upon the best type of land for cultivation . In view of the over whelming need for increasing , food production , in the district within the short time left for the target date, the usual timeworn rules of restraining people from occupying government land without a proper order of assignment or lease, of preserving or increasing government forests etc may be given up. On a consideration of all the circumstances I wish to make the following radical suggestion for the consideration of the food production committee subject to collector's approval

of the applicant , the survey number of the field, the extent proposed to be cultivated (which will however be limited to a maximum of 5 acres) in a register, A date should be fixed within which the applicants should register their applications It may be made known that lands containing valuable trees will not be thrown open for cultivation .The Revenue Inspector of the firka or a special Revenue Inspector,appointed for the purpose should then scrutinise the register and allot the land to the deserving applicants,holding local inspections where necessary,. If , more than one person applies for the same piece of land, preference should be given to the landless poor . As between 2 landless poor persons,the adjoining cultivator or the minor inhabitant should be preferred . In the dase of an isolated bit the poorer , of the two should be preferred

6. The Revenue Inspector should send up consolidated proposals for each village to the Tahsildar ,who willthen issue an order permitting the selected person to enter on the land and raise cultivation . The purpose of the order with number and date should be noted in the karnams register .The selected person should raise cultivation as soon as possible,after receipt of the Tahsildar's order ,but not later than the next cultivation season .The question whether the land will be leased out for a specified period or assigned out right will be considered in due course..The cultivator should however be assured of being permitted to occupy the land for a minimum period of 10 years .There will , be no assessment of the land till it is leased out or assigned

7. The above procedure will obviate the possibility of several persons trying to occupy the same land and creating complications and it is likely to bring under cultivation more than 5,000 apres of land within one year,on a modest estimate

8. The Dt.Forest Officer,who is naturally interested in preserving and increasing the forest wealth of the district may not readily agree to the above proposal for fear that all the forest will be denuded of tree growth if such a proposal is approved. But it appears to me that such apprehensions are ill founded since the areas that will be selected for cultivation will consist of small ,patches ,of low lying land or plain land,devoid of tree growth leaving in , fact the vast areas of forest growth on hill and slopes

9. It has been frequently stated that instead of searching for government lands for cultivation the vast extent of fallow wet lands may be brought under cultivation for the purpose of increasing food production .But these fallow lands are in patta holding, and it is difficult for the landless labourerers ,or other outsiders to get such lands from the owners who are often perverse , in their attitude . The only way to bring , such lands under cultivation by legislation of the kind now in force in coorg . Where by the government are empowered to take over fallow lands and leasing them out for cultivation ., if the owners themselves do not raise crops on those lands . Such a legislation seams to be imperative at the present moment , in this district .

10. The above proposals may be considered by the collector,and necessary action taken

6. Regarding lands under the control of the Revenue Department the sub committee generally approves of the proposal of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur as contained in paras 5 and of his letter with the following clarification

' 1. The proposal of the Rev.Divisional Officer, will not be applicable to lands which the village cooperative will be prepared to bring under cultivation

2. They will not also apply to kumaki kane and bane lands which will be assigned only to kumakidar, kannada or baned respectively on application

3.The ryots who avails himself , of the simplified proceedure suggested by the Rev.Divisional Officer, puttur and brings lands under food crops by the Rev.Divisional Officer, puttur , and brings lands under food crops for a continuous period of 3 years will bexx in the event of such lands being made available for permanent assignment have preferential claim to such assignment

4. In case the kumakidar, Banedar or kanada availes himself of the simplified proceedure suggested by the Rev. Divisional Officer, Puttur and cultivation , and cultivatesn- such kumiki lands bane or kan lands with food crops for a continuous period of 3 years we will be eligible for the benefit of the concession regarding the waiver of assessment

true copy.

A. Sundaram 23/5

For Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (FOOD PRODUCTION), Chepauk, Madras.

Sri V.S. Mejmadi, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Food Production

L.Dis. No. 39002/50 dated 3.2.51.

Committees_District Food Production Committees-(South Kanara) Meeting held on 30-12-50 Resolution passed by the Sub-Committee of the District Food Production Committees--Action to be taken-Extract forwarded.

Read:-From the Collector of South Kanara-Ref No.C. F.P. I-18330/50 dated 2-12-50 -- -- -- 2 above

3. Extracts from the Collector's letter cited together with the enclosures thereto, are forwarded to the Board of Revenue and Revenue Branch for necessary action.

S. Thayappa Tevar.
Assistant Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue(Land Revenue)
Para 3 only with enclosures.
copy of para 3 and extracts to VI A.

True ~~Extract~~ Copy

For Secretary 24/2
~~Superintendent~~.

Memo. No 38837 F/51-1 dt- 11-7-'51

Lands - G.M.F. (South Kanara) -
District Food Production Committee - Resolution
of the Sub-committee of Dt Food Production
Committee - Suggestions - remarks.
From the Bd of Rev Ref B. 1532/51-2 dt. 22-5-51

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In the circumstances stated, the Govt
agree with the Bd of Rev, that no Considerati
need be given to Resolution (1) and that the
lands in question may be granted to
deserving persons on temporary G.M.F. tenures for short periods
not required for assignment to any of
the Categories of persons mentioned
in Govt. No 1523 Rev. dt- 11-6-'49.

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Lands - Coord more food (South Kanara) - District Food Production Committee - Resolutions of the Sub-Committee of the District Production Committee - Suggestions Remarks -

From the Board of Revenue Ref B 1532/51-2 dated 22-5-'51 -

To AS -

Please see the Board's report and its enclosure in the CF.

2. The Collector of South ~~Dt~~ Kanara has forwarded certain resolutions, passed by the Sub committee constituted by the South Kanara District Food Committee to find out ways and means of making good the deficit in Food, to the Board of Revenue for its approval. The Board has offered its remarks on resolution I and has reported ~~and~~ that in respect of resolutions 2, 5, 6 & 8 action is being taken and the Govt. would be addressed whenever necessary. As regards resolution 14 it has reported that a detailed report has been called for from the Collector and that the same would be submitted to Govt. in due course

3. This section is concerned with resolution I. For the reasons stated by the Board in para 2 of its Rep the Govt may agree with it, that the ~~Suggestion~~ Resolution does not deserve any consideration and that lands may be granted for temporary cultivation if they are not required for assignment to the categories of people mentioned in Go. No 1523 Rev dt 11-6-'49.

Subject to orders a draft Memo is submitted for approval. F & A (F.P.)

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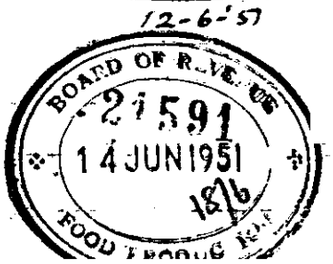

lands from any of them
landholders may move the G
for permitting a departure
from the principle laid do
para 6 of G.O. 1523 Rev. Dt 11.6
in deserving cases.

~~As regards Restriction~~
~~F.P. III may also be granted.~~

~~In the above Circs, this dept w~~
~~will not object to the issue of the~~
~~draft memo put up by~~

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